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SUBJECT: NEW CAPITAL: US VISIT RESULTS

REF: (A) LAGOS 5359 (B) STATE 147378

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING MESSAGE ASKS GUIDANCE ON ANY UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED WITH CDA DELEGATION ON EBONG'S MAY 5 REQUEST THAT USG NOMINATE ABOUT FIVE REGIONAL PLANNING FIRMS PLUS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS TO COMPETE FOR CAPITAL CITY ROLES. ALSO NEED GUIDANCE STATUS AID COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES, LANDSAT AND ANY OTHER FOLLOW-UP MATTERS.

2. ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES VISIT WAS SUPERB EXAMPLE WASHINGTON PLANNING AND INTER-AGENCY TEAMWORK.

3. IF FOLLOWING NOT INCLUDED FORTHCOMING VISIT WRAPUP (MENTIONED PARA 5, STATE 167325-EASUM/SANU CONVERSATION), WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE:

A) CONSULTANT/PLANNERS: AS REPORTED PARA 2 REF A, EBONG REQUESTED USG NOMINATE UP TO FIVE REGIONAL PLANNING FIRMS QUALIFIED HANDLE NEW CAPITAL PROJECT, IN EFFECT ASKING USG SHORT-LIST PLANNERS. OUR FIRMS WOULD COMPETE WITH ABOUT 10 OTHERS FROM REST OF

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WORLD. WE HAVE HAD NO RPT NOT FURTHER INFO SINCE SENDING REF A.

WAS THIS DISCUSSED WITH DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON? DOES EBONG STILL DESIRE USG NOMINATE FIVE FIRMS? IF SO, WHAT IS USG RESPONSE?

B) INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT: PARA 3 REF A REPORTED THAT EBONG REQUESTED USG NOMINATE ANY NUMBER OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PLANNERS TO ENABLE CDA CHOOSE ONE IN-HOUSE GENIUS FOR PROJECT. WHAT IS STATUS AND GUIDANCE?

D) LANDSAT TECHNOLOGY: EMBASSY SUGGESTED DELEGATION LOOK INTO THIS. WASHINGTON SCHEDULE DOES NOT RPT NOT MENTION NASA OR LANDSAT. ARE THERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS EMBASSY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

D) AID COUNTRY-FINANCED SERVICES: ASIDE FROM REF B, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ONLY MICHAEL DILEGGE LETTER CONTAINING BIODATA ON ROBERT MITCHELL AND MENTIONING JUNE 23 AIDAC TELEGRAMS, WHICH CANNOT BE LOCATED HERE. PLEASE REPEAT JUNE 23 MESSAGE AND PROVIDE ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE FOR USE WITH CDA.

3. ANY OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING FOLLOW-UP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IF EMBASSY DOES NOT HEAR FROM CDA IN WEEK OR SO WE WOULD INITIATE CONTACT.
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